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ABSTRACT

A serials cancellation pilot project was conducted by the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center (PRLC) from August 1981 to December 1983 in order to demonstrate the utility of using a large online union list of serials for making and reporting collection management decisions. A total of 21 academic libraries and one public library from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland participated in the project, which also involved members of two regional networks, the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), the Research Libraries Group (RLG), and non-database member libraries. Decisions to cancel subscriptions were recorded online in the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials (PaULS) at the time of the decision so that active use of the online file could help to prevent cancellation of the last copy of a title in a particular region. This report describes project purpose and background, the detailed procedures used, and the relationship of the project to national standards, specifically those developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Eighteen project conclusions and six recommendations for future action are also presented. Appendices include sample forms, copies of project correspondence, materials from a 1982 PRLC cancellation project workshop, a sample questionnaire on current serial acquisition and cooperative collection development issues, sample PaULS printouts, and a list of project participants. (Author/ESR)

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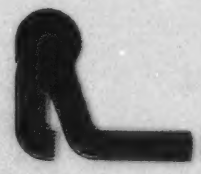

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Abstract

The Serials Cancellation Project described in this report demonstrates the utility of using a large online union list of serials for making and reporting collection management decisions. Through this effort the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center (PRLC) with funding from the Council on Library Resources involved librarians from three states, two regional networks, and from both the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) and Research Libraries Group (RLG) libraries in an effort to provide timely information about current and future acquisition and de-acquisition decisions. The report describes project background, detailed procedures used, relationship to national standards, and lists eighteen recommendations for future action.

1. Purpose of the Project

The purpose of the Serials Cancellation Project developed by the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center (PRLC) and funded by the Council on Library Resources was to develop and test an online, distributed method of communicating serial subscription cancellation decisions at the time they are made. The cancellation project was conceived in response to a specifically demonstrated need. In the spring and early summer of 1980 many libraries, particularly those in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, underwent simultaneous cutbacks in serial subscriptions with considerable effect on renewals for 1981. At that time (spring-summer 1980) no timely or consistent method of communicating those cancellation decisions was available.

However, development of many online union lists of serials was already taking place, particularly Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) based lists which had widespread availability. Research Libraries Group (RLG) members also were keeping track of collection development decisions. The individuals who developed the proposal for the cancellation project, Dr. Scott Bruntjen and Ms. Ruth C. Carter, also worked with the development of the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials (PaULS). Ms. Carter's home library, the University of Pittsburgh, and many other libraries in the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center, of which Dr. Bruntjen is Executive Director, were particularly hard hit by budget cuts and/or inflation.

Therefore, the proposal for the Serials Cancellation Project stated that a pilot project would be undertaken to demonstrate the feasibility of communicating online any serial subscription

cancellation decisions by members of the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center or other invited participants in Pennsylvania. This project would:

1) Explore the ability to enter and communicate serial cancellation decisions in an online database (in this case OCLC);

2) Include members of RLG (Temple University and the Pennsylvania State University);

3) Include members of two networks - PALINET and PRLC;

4) Explore shared collection development patterns through questionnaires and workshops;

5) Explore receptivity to the concept of entering cancellation decisions as they are made thereby necessitating a two step reporting process - i.e., at the time the decision to cancel a subscription is made, and when the last issue of the current subscription is actually received. The latter is often a year or more after the decision to cancel is made;

6) Explore the possibility of establishing a standard method of communicating the information; and,

7) Include the capability of moving from a database building phase to an active phase of applications using the file with particular focus on applications for the benefit of collection development officers and library managers.

2. Background

Beginning in the mid-1970's librarians in the State of Pennsylvania began to recognize that their access to the serial resources of the Commonwealth was, at best, haphazard. Throughout the State a number of area cooperatives had compiled union lists of serials but the difficulties with these lists were that for the most part they did not meet national bibliographic standards; their holding statements were often abbreviated; and they were not connected to a national database nor did they exist in a nationally standard machine readable form. Most, in fact, were only available in paper and had never been machine readable.

Nevertheless, these union list projects had begun the tradition of resource sharing and they were based in area cooperatives that facilitated communication among librarians. While the data for collection development existed, however, they were hardly ever used to facilitate regional collection development activities.

In 1978, as a response to a statewide development plan authored by a team from Drexel University, (Drexel University, 1976) the State Library of Pennsylvania commissioned a comprehensive study of problems and issues relating to bibliographic access for the citizens of Pennsylvania. (Strasser, 1979)

From this study came the recommedation that Pennsylvania develop an online union list of serials via OCLC that would work to level the lending and borrowing rates among all types of libraries within the State and that would be developed in accordance with national bibliographic and machine readable data

standards.

The Pittsburgh Regional Library Center with the University of Pittsburgh had developed one of the many union lists within the State. Unlike the others, this list was loaded on OCLC in the mid-1970's. Consequently, by the time of the 1978 study on bibliographic access, PRLC and Pitt were in a position to enhance and extend that machine readable, online, multi-type library list. In 1979 the State Library of Pennsylvania awarded PRLC a contract to develop a statewide union list for Pennsylvania using OCLC. The Pennsylvania Union List of Serials unlike other regional endeavors, began with a fairly large, although dated online list. By late 1980 the list had been expanded to include libraries throughout the State. Included were the 27 District Library Centers, the 4 Regional Resource Centers, the 14 State Colleges, 20 of the state institutions, and a host of private academic libraries. The original PRLC list had included a number of Pittsburgh area special libraries. The expansion into PaULS added special libraries from Eastern Pennsylvania. The three members of the Research Libraries Group in Pennsylvania maintained their membership and contributed data to PaULS.

In establishing the initial membership in PaULS, libraries were selected to represent types of libraries across the State. As PRLC and one cooperative in Eastern Pennsylvania (Tristate College Library Cooperative) had members from outside the State, the membership grew to include libraries in West Virginia, New Jersey, and Delaware.

The original PaULS proposal stated that the initial attempt would not be to build a comprehensive list for all participants.

Instead, early file building would be based on a core list rather than attempting to build a comprehensive list of titles. This core would move immediately toward the goal of leveling the lending and borrowing rates among all types of libraries.

The worsening economic conditions and the weakness of the dollar abroad suggested a new approach to the PaULS staff as they looked at an expanding online resource. The work to date had added a number of current holdings to the list, but just as important it had begun to create cooperative relationships among all types of libraries. The online union list was becoming more and more comprehensive; it was beginning to be used by interlibrary loan librarians; it enjoyed a good reputation among State Library staff, network staffs, and library administrators; it included two regional OCLC networks, libraries that were not on OCLC, members of the Research Libraries Group, libraries from five states, and a wide mix of academic, public, special, and school libraries.

For libraries in this region the worsening economic conditions led to a massive serial cancellation project in the spring of 1980. Although many libraries had input their holdings data to the union list, the management information necessary for the support of a cancellation project was not present. The librarians in collection development and administration were in the position of circulating drafts of cancellation decisions if they were to retain at least one copy of a periodical within the region. All of that activity happened despite the presence of a widely accessible online union list because: 1) the local holdings in the union list, following American National Standards

Institute (ANSI) standards, could not be closed until the last copy actually was received--often more than a year after the cancellation decision was made, and 2) while interlibrary loan librarians and catalogers were used to and had access to the online system, collection development librarians often did not use the tool for collection development decisions.

If the expanding and maintained union list, however, could be used for communicating cancellation data, and if collection development librarians integrated the searching of that management tool into their regular routines, there would be a mechanism in place to preserve collections in the region even during economic downturns.

It was with these thoughts that the individuals responsible for developing PaULS turned to the Council on Library Resources to fund an experiment that would: 1) develop an acceptable mechanism for communicating cancellation decisions as they were made by inputting that information into the holdings statement of the union list; 2) solicit advice from the potential users of the tool while educating them to the merits of the process, and; 3) communicate the findings to the national library community for futher use and replication.

The PaULS developers thought that the size of the already available PaULS database, the mix of membership across network and state lines, and the inclusion of OCLC, RLG, and non-database members made PaULS an ideal test site. During the later part of 1980 and the early part of 1981 PRLC planned the project and obtained a grant from the Council to begin in the summer of 1981.

In outline form, the project was to design a method for gathering and recording cancellation decision information online, to solicit cancellation decision information from libraries of all types including OCLC and RLG members in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and to provide a convenient forum to gather advice from library administrators and collection development librarians actually involved in the project. At the same time the project would educate library managers about the merits and operation of the system as designed; it would communicate with groups such as ANSI that might be involved in institutionalization of the method; it would add the expertise of a national advisory committee; and it would report the findings to the library community at large. The remainder of this final report is intended to accomplish that last objective.

3. Organization of the Project

The Serials Cancellation Project was originally planned for the period August 1, 1981 through October 31, 1982. The project was extended twice. It now is scheduled for completion in December, 1983 with the submission of the final report.

The grant from the Council on Library Resources provided for a technical director on a consultant basis. This position was filled by Ruth C. Carter, Head of the Catalog Department at the University of Pittsburgh and a co-developer of the proposal. A serials cataloger position was funded one-half time for the twelve months from October 1, 1981 - September 30, 1982. Bonnie H. Sprys, serials cataloger for the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials, served as serials cataloger for the project. Bibliographic work for the project was located at the University of Pittsburgh.

Part-time secretarial support for the project was provided for the original fifteen months. Betty Guy was the project secretary. Funding from the grant also supported ten hours weekly for entering cancellation data into the online OCLC database. Gertrude Ross was the part-time inputter. Throughout the project, Scott Bruntjen, Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center provided administrative support.

The plan for the project called for reporting serial subscription cancellationsby three research libraries inthe Pennsylvania and West Virginia region. The libraries not presently participating in online union listing with OCLC on a regular basis who were invited to participate in the project were Temple University, the Pennsylvania State University and Marshall

University. In addition, all PRLC libraries currently reporting to the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials were asked to report cancellation decisions. A copy of the letter sent to PRLC union list participants is provided in appendix A.

All participating libraries were asked to report serial subscription cancellations as soon as the decision to cancel the subscription to any particular title was made. Notification of the cancellation decision was to be made on the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center union list report form (see appendix B). That form was modified specifically for the project. It called for a library to indicate the last volume and number and last year and month of a particular serial subscription which it expected to receive. Because many serial subscriptions are cancelled well in advance of receipt of the last issue to be received, it was expected that reporting cancellations for union listing purposes would be a two step process.

The first time a serial subscription cancellation was reported would be at the time a decision to cancel was made. At that time the union list holdings (at the time of the project ANSI serial holdings at the summary level) would show that the institution was currently receiving the title and that the holdings for that copy were open. When the last issue from the subscription was actually received, the holdings statement would need to be closed. This necessitated a two step reporting process. As will be discussed later in this report, the two step reporting was the most difficult part of the process for participants to grasp.

Throughout the project the advisory committee played an

important role. In review of the proposal it was suggested by the Council on Library Resources that an advisory committee to the project be named. The Council indicated that it was important to make representatives of the national community aware of the project. This would help to make the results of the project useable to more segments of the library community. The following individuls were named to the advisory committee and all served the duration of the project:

Susan Brynteson, University of Delaware;

Hendrik Edelman, Rutgers University;

Barbara Markuson, Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority;

Marilyn Norstedt, Virginia Polytechnic & State University;

George Parsons, Council on Library Resources;

Ruth C. Carter, University of Pittsburgh, and;

Scott Bruntjen, Pittsburgh Regional Library Center.

The advisory committee met twice during the course of the project - on November 30, 1981 and December 8, 1982. The committee made many important suggestions that helped make the project productive. Members put the project in the context of national needs and developments, supported recognition of union listing efforts by the State Library of Pennsylvania, made significant suggestions as to the conduct of the workshops, demonstrated a concern for the project results in the light of other national efforts, and contributed ideas for more applications for the results from the project. They also provided assurance that the problem being tackled was indeed worthwhile and significant.

4. Chronology of the Project

The ideas included in the background section of this report had been developing since the mid-1970's. As the original project proposal pointed out, coordinated collection development did not represent a new concept since the work done by RLG and efforts by medical librarians in the New York area had centered around the same idea. This project, however, added an online component and tied the communication about cancellations to an ongoing structure that already required cooperation and continual maintenance.

During the fall of 1980 and the spring of 1981 the PRLC and PaULS staffs worked with the staff of the Council to finalize the goals and method which resulted in a final proposal and grant in the late spring of 1981, with the effort to begin by summer.

During the summer of 1981 PRLC worked with PaULS participants to inform them about the concept. Staff members were selected and intermeshed with the PaULS personnel so as to complement the PaULS efforts. PRLC libraries and other selected libraries were contacted about the project and invited to participate. Cancellation data for 1981 were solicited and procedures for reporting and entering the data were finalized.

On November 30, 1981, the CLR project advisory committee first met at the Council offices to discuss the project, the relationship with national standards groups including the ANSI Z39.E Committee on Serial Holdings Statements at the Detail Level, the PaULS effort to date, and the workshops.

From the advice gained from the advisory committee, the PRLC staff developed a workshop curriculum and advance mailing which

provided for data gathering prior to the regional meetings and helped form the basis for the workshop discussions.

During the spring of 1982 the project staff held five regional workshops at the University of Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania State University, Temple University, Mercyhurst College, and the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. (See section 6, page 17.)

During the entire project period, the central staff received cancellation data from the participants and added them to the online union list. A total of 1,232 cancellation decisions were reported by 22 libraries. In addition, as part of their work with the Wisconsin Union List of Serials and the ongoing PaULS work, the staff began to describe the benefits of the effort to groups nationally.

Following the first advisory committee meeting the staff requested that the ANSI Z39.E Committee on Serial Holdings Statements at the Detail Level consider the addition of four codes to the acquisitions status code of the holdings statement then under development. These codes, as suggested by the advisory committee discussions, included: cancellation under consideration; cancelled but still received; acquisition under consideration; and acquisition decision made but not yet received. Throughout the spring and summer of 1982 the ANSI Z39.E committee considered these and other suggestions but in the fall of 1982 published a draft standard which did not include these suggestions.

During the fall of 1982 the technical director of the project and one member of the advisory committee participated in the

Airlie House Conference to discuss the proposed MARC Format for Holdings and Locations. A mechanism to communicate cancellation decisions data has been incorporated into that effort.

At the second and last meeting of the advisory committee on December 8, 1982, the project's objectives and accomplishments were discussed and reviewed. From that meeting came the conclusions and recommendations which follow as section seven of this report. On November 22, 1982, the PaULS online data were converted by OCLC to the union list format and the next week the PaULS procedures manual was delivered to the 250 participants. Included in that manual was information about reporting cancellation decisions. The same instructions were included in the procedures manual developed for the Wisconsin Union List of Serials and the effort has been incorporated into a number of other union list projects.

5. Relationship with Standards

The proposal for the cancellation project, stated that a probable outcome of the project would be a recommendation to ANSI for a code or codes or method to standardize the represention of serial subscription cancellation decisions. The proposal developers anticipated that at a minimum a code should be added to the acquisitions status code options found in the Standard for Serial Holdings Statements at the Summary Level already in use. In addition, it seemed appropriate to include the code options in the Standard for Serial Holdings Statements at the Detailed Level which was being developed by ANSI Subcommittee Z39.E.

This relationship to standards was discussed at the first meeting of the advisory committee on November 30, 1981. At that time the committee discussed current work on the Detailed Holdings Standard and the possibility of incorporating additional codes into the acquisitions status codes to be listed as part of that Standard. In the process of considering the usefulness of communicating cancellation decisions, the committee suggested that several more acquisition status codes might appropriately be added. There was strong sentiment that the decision to order a serial title was also important. In addition, it was decided that it was appropriate to provide for reporting titles for which orders were being considered and serials which were under consideration for cancellation. The committee felt that all these factors were important parts of cooperative collection development and management.

Following the meeting of the advisory committee Dr. Bruntjen and Ms. Carter drafted a letter to Ms. Brynteson in her capacity

as Chair of ANSC Z39 Subcommittee E. That letter requested that Subcommittee E consider adding the following values to the Acquisition Status Codes:

Code Value	Definition
2	Acquisitions under consideration
3	On order, not yet received
7	Cancellation under consideration
8	Cancelled, last issue not received

At the second meeting of the advisory committee on December 8, 1982, Ms. Brynteson reported that Subcommittee E appreciated the suggestions from the advisory committee. Although they would not be incorporated in the next draft from Subcommittee E, Ms. Brynteson noted that the Standard for Serial Holdings Statements at the Summary Level was due for its five year revision in 1984. Because there were some existing conflicts between the Detailed Standard (draft) and the Summary Standard, it might be suggested to have the Summary Standard reviewed early, so that the differences could be reconciled. That would be an appropriate time to add the acquisition status codes or at least one indicator to codify the fact that a cancellation decision had actually been implemented but that the serial was still being received.

During the same time period of the project, related national development was taking place. This was the development of a MARC Communications Format for Holdings and Locations. Funding for work on the development of that MARC Format came from the HEA Title II-C funded Cooperative Serials Project of the Southeastern ARL libraries (8 libraries). Personnel involved with that project recognized the need for a standardized method for com-

municating holdings and location data. Because there was no counterpart to the MARC bibliographic formats, holdings and locations data were being distributed and shared in a multiplicity of holdings formats. Many noted the need for a standard format. To aid the process, the Council on Library Resources funded a conference held at Airlie House, Airlie, Virginia, November 15-17, 1982. A representative group of library administrators, systems staff, and users of the data were invited to the conference. The draft format was developed by representatives of each of the eight Southeastern ARL libraries plus Elaine Wood (MARC communications format project consultant) and representatives from the Library of Congress. A member of the advisory committee for this project is from one of the Southeastern ARL libraries anddescribed work on this project to her library's representative to the MARC Communications Format committee. At least in part due to the activities of the project, the draft version of the MARC Format for Holdings and Locations (revised December, 1982) contains provision for carrying information on cancellation decisions including the year and month with which the cancellation is supposed to be effective.

There appears to be a definite need for standards in terms of expressing this particular acquisitions status. In the sense that a cancellation decision of a title currently being received is a definite as opposed to a theoretical status, it seems hopeful that somewhere in the standards process that status, at least, will be formalized.

6. Workshops

It has been long recognized that if an automation project is to be successful, it must be integrated into the work flow and must be accepted by workers and managers alike. A key element in this project was the development and conduct of several regional workshops to help achieve this acceptance. To reach all of the elements present in the group selected for the test of the serials cancellation process, the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center through the cooperation of librarians in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland conducted five regional workshops in the spring of 1982. The workshops were held at the Pennsylvania State University, Temple University, Mercyhurst College, the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, and the University of Pittsburgh.

In discussing the workshops at the first advisory committee meeting it was suggested that advance material be provided to the participants so that the maximum amount of time during the workshops could be devoted to an informed discussion by participants about the operation of the process and, perhaps more important, its value. A sample of the packet of materials provided to workshop participants is at appendix C of this report.

The general format of the workshops was an advance mailing with exercises and questions to provide the invited participants with a chance to review the serial cancellation information already embedded in the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials and with the opportunity to gather information about serials and serials cancellations at their home institutions during the past two years. This advance information served to provide each of

the approximately 125 participants with a basic understanding of the project and with information to be discussed at the workshops.

As noted elsewhere in this report, one of the most difficult activities of the project was to provide participants with the understanding that serials had to be reported twice; once when the cancellation decision was made and, second when the final issue actually arrived and the holdings were closed. The workshops brought out the fact that many acquisition librarians and library managers were unfamiliar with the operation and capabilities of an online union list. In many cases these individuals had not been exposed to the actual workings of this system prior to preparation for the workshops even though OCLC and later RLG/RLIN have been present in this region since the early 1970's. While resource sharing has always been looked upon favorably within this region, the actual integration of an online collection development tool as presented in this project has not been easy, nor has it been accomplished totally despite reinforcement and encouragment provided in the workshops.

The highlights from the discussions at the five workshops are as follows:

1) The attendees generally agreed philosophically with the ideas presented and wanted to extend those ideas to cover all collection management decisions;
2) In the areas where there has been a long history of cooperation, the discussion reflected a fairly strong commitment to implement this type of program on an ongoing basis;

3) In areas where there are fewer libraries, these ideas had not been discussed before and it was generally agreed that if the libraries were out of a convenient commuting distance there was less advantage in knowing if an item were to be cancelled;

4) There was more interest in the project in areas that had long term financial problems;

5) Some libraries, particularly smaller ones, noted that the extra step could be costly in staff time, and;

6) Few cancellations actually occurred during the project year or were proposed for calendar year 1983. However, given that it was a low year for cancellations, the number of 1,232 was substantial. (See cancellation statistics in appendix D.)

7. Project Conclusions

As noted above in the sections two and six, the most difficult activity was moving theory to practice. In libraries that are hard pressed to meet current commitments, the addition of a single step to build what could easily be called a contingency plan is often difficult to accomplish. And yet, as the original proposal noted, when there is a large scale serials cancellation a contingency plan that this type of project provides would certainly be welcome. The general theme that seemed to run through the project and is present in the conclusions that are presented below is that the idea was good but if we could wait until tomorrow to accomplish it that might be the way to proceed.

In preparing for the second and final advisory committee meeting the project staff developed ten project conclusions which during the course of the meeting were approved and expanded. Conclusions 11 through 18 that follow are the direct outcome of the discussions at the advisory committee meeting.

1) The cancellation reporting is best appreciated as one part of overall collection management information. By itself individual librarians do not seem to appreciate the mechanism as a contingency plan;
2) The next time budgets are decreased, the librarians will appreciate that the system is in place even if they have not fully used it until the crisis;
3) In the short term the value was perceived most readily in those areas where users often commute to other libraries;

4) The overall effectiveness of the project was somewhat affected by the fact that most libraries did not do much cancelling during the project year. However, the next time the dollar drops radically, large libraries with a high number of foreign titles will be hurt;

5) There seems to be a widespread lack of sophisticated use of any online system outside the conventional, narrowly defined, subsystem-specific uses;

6) The majority of librarians do not seem to care whether they have a voice in developing new strategies for problem resolution;

7) There should be an established code at the ANSI summary level 2 and at the summary level 3 to aid machine manipulation;

8) In general, participants better understood and more appreciated the uses of online files for more than passive applications at the end of the project;

9) This procedure has been included in the "Pennsylvania Union List of Serials Procedures Manual" and is being implemented as well by Indiana University as part of their online serials control system. The article to be written at the end of this project may stimulate other such efforts;

10) There is provision for cancellation information in the current draft of the MARC Communications Format for Holdings and Locations. The inclusion of this may have been influenced in part by this project;

11) The project reaffirmed the value of online technology as

an aid to collection management;

12) The project demonstrates sufficient value in systematic reporting of cancellation decisions, that such reporting procedures should be adopted by others;

13) The project raised the consciousness of librarians to activities outside their own fields and the librarians appreciated this awareness. (For example, collection development personnel and union list creators can each appreciate more thoroughly the other's efforts);

14) The cost of actually maintaining the cancellation information is minimal;

15) Maintenance of cancellation data should become part of normal routines in libraries;

16) The maintenance of up-to-date cancellation data will be facilitated by the capability for decentralized online maintenance;

17) Applications such as entering cancellations move bibliographic files (such as serials online with OCLC, etc.) from a passive position to that of an active applications tool; and

18) Library managers need greater awareness of the strength of online tools in managing their collections, which this project has demonstrated can be done.

8. Implementation of the Project (Pilot Project and Beyond)

The first implementation step in the Serials Cancellation Project preceded the formal beginning date of the project. That occurred with the June 1, 1981, meeting of the OCLC Union List Task Force meeting. At that meeting Ms. Carter presented a brief description of the project (see appendix E) and a request that a recommended, quasi-standard way of expressing the cancellation information be developed for the duration of the project. This was a necessary step since OCLC representatives had indicated that arbitrarily selecting a code to be used in acquisition status fields was not acceptable because it would mean incorporating non-standard data in a field that was designated as conforming to standards.

After discussion, the OCLC Task Force recommended that the information be included in a note subfield. It was agreed to communicate the fact that a cancellation would be effective with a specified volume and number and specified volume and year. It would appear as follows:

Cancellation effective with [vol:no] [year:month]

At this point, and throughout the project, it was emphasized that it would be necessary to add a second update to any records affected by cancellation decisions. The second update would occur when the last issue of the subscription was actually received. At that time the note would be removed and the holdings statement (enumeration and chronology) would be closed.

During the project proper, collection and entry of the cancellation decision information was facilitated by modification to the union list report form utilized by members of the Pittsburgh

Regional Library Center. These forms were modified to provide for easy recording of cancellation decision information. These forms were distributed to all PRLC union list participants and to Temple University, Penn State University, and Marshall University. The University of Pittsburgh modified its own internal union list (serial action) communication form. In addition, the University of Indiana which has the holdings of its serials collection online with OCLC in the union listing system has indicated verbally that it is implementing the recording of cancellation decisions in its online records.

The procedures manual for the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials was distributed in November, 1982. Instructions for reporting serial subscription cancellation decisions at the time they are made were incorporated as an integral part of the PaULS manual. Provisions for communicating this information in the draft MARC Format for Holdings and Locations was also an important step in the implementation of project goals.

It is clear that the Serials CancellationProject was a response to a demonstrated need to communicate serial cancellation decisions in a timely (online) mode as they are made, and in a wide spectrum of institutions. It seems clear that the actual project reaffirmed the need and has demonstrated that the information can indeed be communicated in a timely and widespread manner. What remains is to educate collection development officers and library managers to the possibilities for application of the bibliographic tools currently under development and maintenance of the system throughout the library and information science communities today. In addition, there is continued need

for education of the catalog, serials, technical services and automation staffs who are building and developing the online bibliographic and finding tools. In that regard, one outcome of the project is the following list of recommendations:

1) Publish at least one and possibily two articles about the project with the intent to reach all types of personnel with a potential interest in the utility of the project results and procedures;
2) Prepare a final report for widespread distribution;
3) Encourage through OCLC, RLG and other avenues the incorporation of this information into appropriate places in their databases;
4) Convey to the American National Standards Institute the need for and significance of standardizing communication of serial subscription cancellation and related decisions;
5) Publicize the concepts, activities, results, and recommendations of the Serials Cancellation Project in appropriate forums including professional meetings, etc., and;
6) Implement in the local situation of each of the members of the advisory committee the capability of communicating in an online mode serial cancellation decisions and thereby make more individuals and their institutions aware of the value and ease of communicating this information.

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August 24, 1981

Mr. Joseph A. Boisse
Director of Libraries
Samuel Paley Library
Temple University
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Dear Joe:

This is to confirm our conversations with you and George Brightbill the week of August 17th concerning Temple's participation in PRLC's grant project with the Council on Library Resources.

As indicated at that time, PRLC will need to know all of the serial titles cancelled by Temple during 1981 and 1982. Because a number of these titles may not be in the OCLC data base, we are requesting a copy of any cataloging which Temple may already have for these titles. If we find that we require surrogates of the actual issues in order to complete cataloging, we would request those as necessary.

Enclosed is a description of this PRLC pilot project which was presented at the June 1, 1981 meeting of OCLC's Union List Task Force. Although we anticipate that one outcome of the project will be a recommendation to ANSI to codify cancelled as an Acquisitions Status Code, it is necessary to express this information in an interim method. The Union List Task Force agreed on the following wording for a note in the union list holdings fields:

cancellation effective with (vol) : (no) (year) : (month)

for ex.

cancellation effective with 9:6 1982:12

It is understood that the issue and date cited will refer to the last issue to be received.

Therefore, when Temple furnishes us with its serial cancellations, we need to know the above information for the last issue of each title which will be received. In the proposal, we have specified that in the spring or summer of 1982 there will be regional workshops for collections development librarians for the purpose of training them in the use of the file, including the importance of consulting it as collection development decisions are made.

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We would like to receive information on titles which you have already cancelled at Temple's early convenience and other cancellations as they are made. We will send copies of a reporting form as soon as the revised version is available. Information on the cancelled titles can be addressed to:

Ruth C. Carter
G-49 Hillman Library
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

We are pleased that Temple has agreed to participate in this important project which bridges networks (PRLC and PALINET), bibliographic utilities (OCLC and RLG) and states (Pennsylvania and West Virginia). Both of us are looking forward to working with you on it.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott at 412-441-6409 or Ruth at 412-624-4673 (state network 675-4673).

Sincerely,

Scott

Ruth C. Carter
Technical Director

Scott Bruntjen
Executive Director

RCC/SB:bg

cc: George Brightbill

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL LIBRARY CENTER-UNION LIST REPORT FORM FORM NO. ULP

MAIN ENTRY/TITLE

OCLC # ISSN # LIBRARY OCLC CODE: ULP #

UPDATE TYPE
- ☐ New Entry
- ☐ Title Change
- ☐ Holdings Change
- ☐ Delete Holdings
- ☐ Cancellation Decision
- ☐ Ceased Publication
- ☐ Other _____

*IF NOT ON OCLC OR NOT AN OCLC LIBRARY, ATTACH XEROX OF TITLE PAGE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

HOLDINGS
VOL/NO _____
INCLUSIVE DATES _____

TITLE CHANGE
FORMER TITLE _____
LAST ISSUE FORMER TITLE _____
FIRST ISSUE NEW TITLE _____

CEASED PUBLICATION OR CANCELLATION EFFECTIVE WITH:
LAST ISSUE _____ Vol: _____ No.: _____ Year: _____ Month: _____
SOURCE: ☐ NST ☐ ULRICH'S ☐ OTHER _____

REMARKS:

REPORTED BY: DATE:

APPENDIX C

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL LIBRARY CENTER
CHATHAM COLLEGE, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15232

(412) 441-6409

SCOTT BRUNTJEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 19, 1982

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

The Pittsburgh Regional Library Center has received a grant from the Council on Library Resources for a pilot project in the area of serial cancellations.

The project utilizes the online union list of serials with OCLC to record decisions to cancel serial subscriptions at the time they are made. It is hoped that the rapid and widespread communication of that information will work to keep all institutions in a region from cancelling the same title(s) at the same time. It is a tool which can be used to the benefit of a regional approach to collection development.

As a part of the project, PRLC would like to invite you or an appropriate collection development member of your staff to a workshop on using the online union list of serials in collection development.

The workshop in your region will be held at the [redacted] on [redacted]. It will run from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at no cost to you. Please return the enclosed postcard to indicate the name of the library and its representative who will be attending. Complete workshop information including a map and advance materials will be mailed when the return postcard is received. The deadline for registration is April 2, 1982.

If you have any questions please contact Ruth Carter at 412-624-4673 or Scott Bruntjen at 412-441-6409.

Sincerely,

Scott Bruntjen
Executive Director

SB:bg

enclosure

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

April 2, 1982

M

Dear M:

Enclosed are the materials for the PRLC Serials Cancellation Project Workshop that you are registered to attend at M on M.

They include:

1. Agenda for the meeting;

2. Exercises to provide familiarity with searching the on-line union list of serials;

3. Questionnaire to be completed and brought to the workshop regarding current serials acquisitions:

4. Questions that will form the basis for discussion of cooperative collection development issues, and;

5. Map with directions to the meeting.

As was indicated previously this project is funded through a grant to PRLC by the Council on Library Resources. Your participation will contribute both to the success of this project and to its significance as a national prototype in the area of regional collection development.

Please bring all of the material distributed in this advanced packet to the workshop. If you have any questions regarding the Workshop, please contact Ruth Carter, Technical Director for the Cancellation Project, at 412-624-4673 or Scott Bruntjen at 412-441-6409.

Sincerely,

Scott Bruntjen
Executive Director

SB:bg

enclosures

PRLC SERIAL CANCELLATION PROJECT

Workshop Agenda

10:00-10:30 a.m.	Registration (coffee, tea, donuts)
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Background and description of the Project including the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials
11:00-11:45 a.m.	Reasons for CLR support
11:15-12:00 a.m.	Discussion on current methods for collection development decisions for serials including regional and other outside considerations
12:00- 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:15-1:45 p.m.	Searching the on-line Union List
1:45-2:00 p.m.	The on-line Union List as a management tool
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Discussions on new possibilities for regional collection development
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Summary
3:00	Adjournment

SERIAL CANCELLATION WORKSHOP

UNION LIST SEARCHING

EXERCISE

1. Log-on PRLC/PaULS union list search number:

   91332-47-23 send

2. Search for Journal of Academic Librarianship

   jou,of,ac, 1/ser display/send

   Look at each of the records retrieved until you locate PaULS holdings (there are 3 records on summary screen as of 2/17/82). A request for this title can be satisfied within Pennsylvania.

3. Search for Desalting digest

   des,di,,/ser display/send

   A 3 record summary screen will appear. Find the record for Desalting digest.

   Four PaULS libraries hold this title. To find out which they are consult the special list of PaULS codes.

4. Search for South Dakota history

   sou,da,hi,/ser display/send

   One bibliographic record is retrieved. There is no holding for it in PRLC/PaULS.

   Log-off with end/send

   Log-on to Pitt union list with:

   3374687-7-1 send

   Search again for South Dakota history

   sou,da,hi,/ser display/send

   The University of Pittsburgh has the title and it is currently received but you will note that the subscription has been cancelled.

   To get an idea of other holdings for the title search for holdings in other union list groups:

   Oklahoma: ulousu display/send

   AHE: uliuca display/send

Dear Workshop Participant:

A great deal of serials union list information from across the country is now on-line with OCLC. This includes the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials which incorporates the union lists of the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center and the University of Pittsburgh. Included in this list, in addition to Pennsylvania holdings, is information from several libraries in West Virginia, and Maryland. The information is valuable for many purposes including information to aid collection development decisions.

In order to make the workshop more meaningful, a brief set of exercises on using on-line union list of serials data is enclosed. If possible, the individual(s) who will attend the workshop should work through the exercise before attending the session. If you represent a library which does not now have access to OCLC, however, you will still find the workshop valuable.

Three lists are provided for your information. All are required for effective use of the on-line union list data. They are:

1) Search Numbers for Serials Control System (for union list data which must be searched under a specific authorization number).

2) Union List Groups (for union list data which needs a union list group code but not an authorization number in order to be searched).

3) Pennsylvania Union List of Serials (PaULS) Codes. Please note that this list includes libraries outside of Pennsylvania.

It is recognized that individuals with collection development responsibilities, may not have had previous opportunities to use OCLC. For the purposes of this exercise, it is assumed that assistance in the basic steps in use of OCLC is available within each institution. For workshop participants who do not have OCLC access, please concentrate on the other items enclosed. We will explain how libraries without OCLC access will be able to make use of the collection development information at the workshop.

Questionnaire Regarding

Current Serial Acquisitions

1. Number of serial titles currently received. _____

2. Of the number of currently received titles - approximate number purchased. _____

3. Of the number of serial titles currently received - approximate number received by gift or exchange. _____

4. Approximate amount of money in the serials budget this year. _____

5. Number of serial titles cancelled in 1981. _____

6. Number of serial titles cancelled in 1982 to date. _____

7. Number of new titles ordered in 1981. _____

8. Number of new titles ordered in 1982 to date. _____

Cooperative Collection

Development Issues

1. In making a decision to cancel a serial subscription, do you normally consult any other library or groups of libraries?

Yes____No____

a) If yes, which libraries?

b) Who (by position) in those libraries do you contact?

c) How do you contact them?

d) What is the outcome of this activity?

2. If making a decision to add a serial subscription do you normally consult any other library or groups of libraries?

Yes____No____

a) If yes, which libraries?

b) Who (by position) in those libraries do you contact?

c) How do you contact them?

d) What is the outcome of this activity?

3. Are your cooperative collection development activities informal, formal, other? Please describe.

4. Do you see cooperative collection development decisions for serials as useful?

   a) No.
      If no, why?

   b) Yes.
      If yes, and if the on-line union list is a useful tool for that, what information in addition to cancellation decisions would you like to see added to the on-line file.

5. Which of the following relationships do you see as appropriate for this type of activity and why?

   a) Local

   b) State-wide

   c) Regional network

   d) Type of institution

   e) Other

HELLO DRLC.
You will be using the SERIALS CONTROL system in the SEARCH mode.

jou, of, pu, e/ser display/send

1 Journal of public economics [Amsterdam] 1972 s DLC
2 Journal of public economics. Amsterdam. 1972 s

1 display/send

Journal of public economics.
ISSN: 0047-2727 CODEN: OCLC no: 1798094 Frequn: b Regulr: x

Hld lib: OPRR Copy: Repr: Subsc Stat: a Loan:

1 DEFN v vol. p no.
2 RTND AVLL v 5- y 1976- a PMCC v 1- y 1972-

uli/su display/send

INDIANA UNION LIST OF SERIALS
Journal of public economics.
ISSN: 0047-2727 CODEN: OCLC no: 1798094 Frequn: b Regulr: x
ITEMS MARKED + HAVE FULLER HOLDINGS. REQUEST LINE NO. TO VIEW THESE.

1 + IBS (S110,0,4) 1- 1972-
2 + IUE (S106,0,4) 1- 1972-
3 + IWC (S105,0,5) 1-4 1972-1975

1 display/send

Journal of public economics.
ISSN: 0047-2727 CODEN: OCLC no: 1798094 Frequn: b Regulr: x
IWC (S105,0,5) 1-4 1972-1975

1 IWCM (S105,0,5) 1-4 1972-1975

ulousu display/send

OKLAHOMA UNION LIST OF SERIALS PROJECT
Journal of public economics.
ISSN: 0047-2727 CODEN: OCLC no: 1798094 Frequn: b Regulr: x
ITEMS MARKED + HAVE FULLER HOLDINGS. REQUEST LINE NO. TO VIEW THESE.

1 OKU (S112,0,4) 13- 1980-

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 Screen 1 of 2
Computers and people.
ISSN: 0361-1442  CODEN:          OCLC no:  2246637  Frequn:  b  Regulr: r

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  1 DEFN      v vol.  p  no.
  2 STHD      AIBB v 23- y 1974- a AICC v 23-24 y 1974 a AISS v 23- y
1974- a CSCO v 23-27 y 1974-1978 a DLES y current 6 years f 6 a DXUU v
23- y 1974- a EIBB v 23- y 1974- a ELZA v 23-24 y 1974-1975 a GDCC v
23- y 1974- a GWYA v 29- y 1980- a KZSS v 23 y 1974 a LKCC v 23- y
1974- a LOSS v 23- y 1974- a LYUU v 23- y 1974- a MANA v 23- y 1974-
a MESS v 23-24 y 1974-1975 a MNLL y 1974-1978 a MVSS v 23-27 y 1974-
1978 a NJGA v 23- y 1974- a OSTT v 23- y 1973-

 Screen 2 of 2
  3 STHD      PASA v 23- y 1974- PAUU v 23-26 y 1974-1977 a PBBA v 23-28
y 1974-1979 a PBUB v 23- y 1974- a PCTS v 18- y 1969- a PGCD v 23- y
1974- a PGUU v 23-24,26-30 y 1974-1981 a PHAA v 23- y 1974- a PJUU v
23,25- y 1974- a PLFF v 23- y 1974- a PLRR v 27- y 1978- a PMCD v 23-
y 1974- a POIN v 23- y 1974- a PSCA v 23- y 1974- a PSFA v 23- y 1974
a PTPP v 24- y 1975- a PVWW v 23-26 y 1974-1977 a PWAM v 23- y 1974-
a QPEA v 23- y 1974- a QWCC v 23- y 1974- a RECC v 23- y 1974- a RMCM
v 24-27,29- y 1975- 1978,1980- a ROBB v 23- y 1974- a SCRA v 23- 24,27-
y 1974-1975,1978- a SQPP v 23- y 1974- a TEUU v 23- y 1974- a UPMM v
23- y 1974- a WVHH v 23- y 1974- a WVTT v 23- y 1974- a WVUL v 23- y
1974- a WWCC v current 6 years f 6
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INDIANA UNION LIST OF SERIALS
Computers and people.
ISSN: 0361-1442  CODEN:          OCLC no:  2246637  Frequn:  b  Regulr: r
ITEMS MARKED + HAVE FULLER HOLDINGS. REQUEST LINE NO. TO VIEW THESE.

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   2 +  IDU (8105,0,4) 4- 1974-
   3 +  IEB (8106,0,4) 23- 1974-
   4 +  IHC (8107,0,4) 23- 1974-
   5 +  III (8107,0,4) 23- 1974-
   6 +  ISE (8106,0,4) 23- 1974-
   7 +  ITU (8105,0,4) 23- 1974-
   8 +  IUC (8106,0,4) 22-23,25,27- 1973-1974,1976,1978-
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Computers and people.
ISSN: 0361-1442  CODEN:          OCLC no:  2246637  Frequn:  b  Regulr: r
ISE (8106,0,4) 23- 1974-

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mat, an,, /ser display send
4 records on summary screen

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 Screen 1 of 3
NO HOLDINGS IN OPR -  FOR HOLDINGS ENTER dh DEPRESS  DISPLAY RECD SEND
  OCLC: 1637684      Rec stat: c Entrd: 750920        Used: 820409
Type: a Bib lvl: s Govt pub:   Lang:  eng Source:   S/L ent: 0
 Repr:   Enc lvl: 1 Conf pub: 0 Ctry:  wb  Ser tp: p Alphabt: b
 Indx: u Mod rec:   Phys med:   Cont: ^    Frequn: e Pub st:  c
 Desc:   Cum ind: 1 Titl pag: u ISDS:      Regulr: r Dates: 1869-9999
  1 010     28-24764//r45
  2 040     DLC c MUL d SUL d COO d NYG d DLC d m.c.
  3 012     3 c x
  4 022     0025-5831
  5 035     0446230 b MULS a   Ulp   No.  4975800004 a PITT NO.  4989300009
a M077300 b SULS
  6 041 0   engfregerita
  7 042     lc
  8 050 0   QA1 b .M86
  9 092     510.5 b M427
 10 049     QPRR
 11 222 00  Mathematische annalen
 12 245 00  Mathematische annalen.
 13 260 00  Berlin [etc.] b J. Springer [etc.]
 14 300     v. b diagrs. c 23-25 cm.
 15 310     Biweekly
 16 321     Irregular, b 1869-
 Screen 2 of 3
 17 362 0   1.-   Bd.; 1869-
 18 515     Suspended June 1944-Sept. 1947.
 19 546     In German, French, English or Italian.
 20 555     Vols. 1-50, 1869-98.  1 v.; Vols. 51-80, 1899-1919, issued as v.
80, no. 2; Vols. 81-100, 1920-28, with v. 100.
 21 555     Every tenth volume, v. 10-70, includes an author index for the
preceding ten volumes.
 22 555     Generalregister zu den bhanden 18-100, zusammengestellt von H.
Vermeil.
 23 570     Editors: 1869-72, A. Clebsch; 1869-76, C. Neumann; 1876-1924, F.
Klein; 1876-1902, A. Mayer; 1888-1919, W. von Dyck; 1903-39, D. Hilbert; 1906-
38, O. Blumenthal; 1920-28, A. Einstein; 1924-28, C. Carathbeodory; 1929-<41>
E. Hecke; 1934-<41> B. L. van der Waerden; 1938-<41> H. Behnke.
 24 650  0 Mathematics x Periodicals.
 25 700 11
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PENNSYLVANIA UNION LIST OF SERIALS
Mathematische annalen.
ISSN: 0025-5831  CODEN:          OCLC no:  1639684  Frequn:  e  Regulr: r
ITEMS MARKED + HAVE FULLER HOLDINGS. REQUEST LINE NO. TO VIEW THESE.

   1 +  EID (8202,0,5) 175,180-190,196-200,202-218 1968-1975
   2    LYU (8105,0,4) 1-41,49,51-54,56-117,119- 1868-
   3 +  PIT (8105,0,4) 1- 1869-
   4 +  PMC (8202,0,4) 119- 1943-
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Mathematische annalen.
ISSN: 0025-5831  CODEN:          OCLC no:  1639684  Frequn:  e  Regulr: r
PIT (8105,0,4) 1- 1869-

   1     PITM        (8105,0,4) 120-124,126- 1945-1949,1951-
   2     PITT        (8105,0,5) 1-119 1869-1944
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INDIANA UNION LIST OF SERIALS
Mathematische annalen.
ISSN: 0025-5831  CODEN:          OCLC no:  1639684  Frequn:  e  Regulr: r
ITEMS MARKED + HAVE FULLER HOLDINGS. REQUEST LINE NO. TO VIEW THESE.

   1 +  IBS (8110,0,4,Retains latest 6 years in Science-Health Science
Library) 163- 1966-
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wes, vi, hi, /ser .. display/send

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  1  West Virginia hillbilly.      Richwood, W.Va.,    1956  s
  2  West Virginia hillbilly      Richwood, West Virginia.    1958  s
  3  West Virginia history      Charleston, W. Va.,    1939  s  DLC  NLC
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West Virginia history.
ISSN: 0043-325X  CODEN:          OCLC no:  1769679  Frequn:  a  Regulr: r

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  1 RMKS      8497200004
  2 DEFN       v vol.  p  no.
  3 RTHD      CPLL v 1- y 1939- a CSCO v 31- y 1969- a QQSS v 39- y
1978- a WVBM v 1- y 1939- a WWVM v 1-10,16-17,20-23,25- y 1939-
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3374687-7-1 send

wes, va, hi, lser display/send

West Virginia history.
ISSN: 0043-325X CODEN: OCLC no: 1769679 Frequn: a Regulr: r

Hld lib: PITT Copy: Repr: Subsc Stat: _ Loan:

1 RMKS 8506200008
2 DEFN v vol. p no.
3 RTHD PITT v 27-

u/ewmu display/send

MSU AND WSU UNION LIST OF SERIALS
West Virginia history.
ISSN: 0043-325X CODEN: OCLC no: 1769679 Frequn: a Regulr: r
ITEMS MARKED + HAVE FULLER HOLDINGS. REQUEST LINE NO. TO VIEW THESE.

1 + EEM (8203,0,4,Retains current issues in Periodical Reading Room.) 1-13,17- 1939/1940-

u/neau display/send

NEOMAL UNION LIST OF SERIALS
West Virginia history.
ISSN: 0043-325X CODEN: OCLC no: 1769679 Frequn: a Regulr: r
ITEMS MARKED + HAVE FULLER HOLDINGS. REQUEST LINE NO. TO VIEW THESE.

1 + AKR (8201,0,4) 1-10,35- 1939/1940-1948/1949,1973/1974-
2 + CWR (8112,0,4) 1- 1939-

South Dakota history.
ISSN: 0361-8676 CODEN: OCLC no: 1639290 Frequn: q Regulr: r

Hld lib: PITT Copy: Repr: Subsc Stat: A Loan: PHOTO COPY AT COST

1 RMKS 7581150003
2 DEFN v vol. p no.
3 RTHD PITT v 3- p cancellation effective with 12:4 1982:12

APPENDIX D

Serial Cancellation Project

Blue Slips Received

1. AICC - 9
   (Community College of Allegheny County, Allegheny Campus)

2. BFJJ - 16
   (B. F. Jones Memorial Library)

3. CPLL - 93
   (Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh)

4. CSCO - 61
   (California University of Pennsylvania)

5. EIBB - 233
   (Edinboro University of Pennsylvania)

6. PGCD - 14
   (Geneva College)

7. PGUU - 25
   (Gannon University - Nash Library)

8. PKTT - 101
   (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary)

9. PSFA - 17
   (St. Francis College)

10. QNCC - 27
    (New Castle Public Library)

11. RECC - 41
    (Clarion University of Pennsylvania)

12. TEUU - 181
    (Temple University)

13. UPMM - 194
    (Pennsylvania State University)

14. WJYY - 94
    (Westmoreland County Community College)

15. WVBM - 2
    (Bethany College)

16. WVTT - 38
    (West Virginia Institute of Technology)

17. WVUA - 43
    (West Virginia University - Main Library)

18. WVUC - 12
(West Virginia University - Physical Sciences Library)

19. WVUL - 2
(West Virginia University - Evansdale Campus)

20. WVUO - 3
(West Virginia University)

21. WWVM - 14
(Wheeling College)

Total blue slips - 1,220

NOTE: University of Pittsburgh input its own cancellations for 1982
(12 cancellations)

The Pittsburgh Regional Library Center has been awarded a grant by the Council on Library Resources for the purpose of developing a prototype system for regional collection development of serials which will attempt to preserve the last copy of a title in a region.

The project will utilize the Pennsylvania Union List of Serials which is being developed on-line. It will cover libraries in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and part of Maryland and includes libraries in two networks: PRLC and PALINET. Both OCLC and non-OCLC libraries will be covered and access to the data for non-OCLC libraries will be provided through the PRLC Clearinghouse.

Due to subscription and budgetary cycles, cancellation decisions are often made simultaneously at many institutions. It is hoped that by developing a standard method of recording cancellations, that active use of the on-line union list file by collection development librarians will aid in preventing cancellation of the last copy of a title in a particular region. It is especially important that cancellation decisions be reported as they are made because there is often a year or more from that point until the last issue of a subscription is received and holdings can be closed.

An end product of this project which will run from August 1, 1981 to October 31, 1982 should be a recommendation to ANSI for the codification of the method of recording the decision to cancell a serial title. For the duration of this project an interim method of recording a cancellation decision must be established.